

**Town of Arlington  
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 6/20/06, 7:15 to 9:30 PM, Town Hall Annex 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Submitted by Laura Wiener

Members Present: Ed Starr, Scott Smith, Joe Cahill, Laura Wiener, John Sanchez, Capt. Richard McLaughlin, Jeff Maxtutis, Chuck Pappas, Howard Muise  
Associates Present: Guillermo Bahamon,, Erik Moore  
Citizens: Peter Zerlak arrived about 9PM

1. Administration
  - Howard Muise was welcomed as our newest member.
  - Ed reviewed the projects rotation list. Two sets of recommendations have been approved by the Board of Selectmen.: Dickson /Wheeler and Marathon/Waldo.
  - Minutes of 5/16/06 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Wilbur/Wollaston. Guillermo stated that the conditions at this intersection did not meet the criteria for adding a stop sign, based on his observation of traffic and crash data. He recommended not installing stop signs. Joe moved that TAC recommend no action on this intersection. Voted unanimously.
3. Lockland/Mass. Ave. Capt. McLaughlin reported that the timing at this light has been fixed. Joe indicated he would now make observations of the performance of the intersection. Jeff asked that records of signal adjustments be accessible. (DPW will be taking over responsibility for the signals as of July 1. John plans to do a 10 year plan for maintenance.)
4. Speeding on Crosby: Mike could not attend due to business commitment. Traffic volume measurements are now available.
5. Zip Car—Broad interest has been found in encouraging Zip Car to come to Arlington. Laura has scheduled a community meeting for Wed., July 26, 7 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. One issue will be finding parking space(s) for cars. Scott will post meeting information to the Arlington List. Laura will let Advocate know about meeting.
6. George Street—Next step, needs Town Meeting action to accept property under eminent domain. No Special Town Meeting is currently planned before the general meeting in 2007.
7. Town Day—Sept. 9. Scott suggested TAC coordinate with the Arlington Bicycle Committee. Motion that TAC participate in Town Day. Unanimously voted.
8. Symmes Transportation Update - Laura reported that the project has been downsized to 199 units. Closing is expected before the end of the year, followed closely by start of construction. Developer is looking to eliminate one of the approved transportation requirements (allowance of area for a right turn lane off Summer Street) based on the reduced number of units. Subcommittee (Jeff, Scott, Elisabeth, Ed) will review request based on new traffic analysis provided by developer and make a recommendation to the ARB. Subcommittee will meet, probably week of 7/10.

9. Thermoplastic List— the Crosswalk Working Group submitted a prioritized list of crosswalks to John for DPW action. Because of increased cost of thermoplastic over the last contract, John is not sure the total list can be completed. Since the BoS has voted two crosswalk installations on the list, it was suggested that these (Mass. Ave at Sunrise Assisted Living, and Park Ave. at Oakland Ave.) be completed this year.
10. Mass. Corridor update—Laura reported that the Town will know June 29 if its request, that design money for Phase 1 be on the FFY06 TIP, will make it. Otherwise it will appear in FFY07. Trish Domigan is working on a scope of work for Phase 2 (which includes the intersection at Mass. Ave. and Pleasant St). The Town has received a letter from MHD asking questions re Phase 2. A response is in preparation. The ARB has requested that TAC representatives come to one of their meetings for an update and coordination on this project.
11. The MBTA public hearing on rate hikes - Attended by Scott and Elisabeth. Not much to report. Some complaints about service. Some Arlington residents may be better off because of new transfer policy, allowing bus to subway with one fare.
12. School Sidewalks— John indicated that he was planning to use this year's funds for Gray Street (south side, from Fountain to Pine Ridge) that has been requested by Ottoson parents. The draft list of needed school crosswalks was discussed.
13. Candidates for Funding:
  - a. Alewife Traffic Issues - Although not in Arlington, Alewife substantially impacts our traffic and commutes. We need coordination with Cambridge. Laura will talk to Suzanne Rasmussen at Cambridge Planning Dept. to seek more information on planned improvements around Alewife Station such as bus access, adding an HOV lane, etc.
  - b. Safe Routes to Schools—there may be federal money available. Jeff indicated he would contact Don Eunson for more information.
14. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Handouts:

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Agenda packet with agenda, working groups, project rotation, Board of Selectmen request status, outstanding voted actions, Draft School Crosswalk list, status of candidates for seeking Fed/State funds, TAC toolkit, Guidelines for Two-way Stop Installation from Ed Starr

May 2006 minutes from Laura Wiener

Thermoplastic crosswalk list from Howard Muise